plant, etc., the Government had decided to set up 152 desalination plants for converting saline water into potable water. Out of these, 134 plants have been set up so far.

(c) and (d). The national perspective plan for water resources development prepared by the Government, envisages interlinkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from surplus to water short areas. This involves conducting studies and preparing feasibility reports for optimum utilisation of available waters. Preliminary feasibility reports have been completed for 7 transfer links out of the 17 such links envisaged under Peninsular river component. Implementation of water transfer links depends on preparation of the detailed project reports and the consensus/agreement amongst the basin States.

Tripartite Industrial Committee on Electricity Generation

5529. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a tripartite industrial committee on electricity generation and distribution;

(b) if so, the details of the members of the Committee;

(c) the scope and functions of the Committee;

(d) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report; and

(e) the extent to which it will be helpful for both power and coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) In pursuance of the recommendation of the meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee held on December 21, 1991 that Industrial Committes be revived in respect of industries in which sickness in endemic, the Industrial Committee on Electricity Generation and Distribution was reconstituted on March 31, 1992.

(b) The composition of the Committee is given in the attached statement.

(c) to (e). The functions of an Industrial Committee are in general to study and discuss the problems of the industry concerned with a view to bringing about a better understanding of the problems among the parties, rendering advice in solving the problems and reaching a consensus of views.

STATEMENT

CHAIRMAN		Shri P.A. Snagma. Minister of State for Coal	
(I)	GOVERNMENT		
(a)	CENTRAL GOVERNMENT		
1	Ministry of Labour		1 seat
2	Department of Power		1 seat
		Total	2 seats
(b)	STATE GOVERNMENTS		
	Maharashtra. Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat. Andhra Pradesh. Madhya Praoesh Tamil Nadu. West Bengal. Karnataka and Punjab		9 (one seat each)
(II)	EMPLOYERS		
1	Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board		1 seat
2	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board		1 seat
3.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board		1 seat
4.	Punjab State Electicity Board		1 seat
5.	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board		1 seat

CHAIRMAN	Shri P.A. Snagma, Minister of State for Coal	
6	Uttar Pradesh Statee Electricity Board	1 Seat
7	Bihar State Electricity Board	1 Seat
8.	Council of Indian Employers	3 seats
		Total 10 seats
(II)	WORKERS	
1.	Indian National Trade Union Congress	3 seats
2.	Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh	4 Seats
3.	Centre of Indian Trade Union	1 seat
4.	National Front of Indian Trade Unions	1 seat
	All India Trade Union Congress	1 seat
		Total 10 seats